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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

03508 U.S. PTO
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07/29/03

Re: Application of Norihiko NADANAMI, Noboru ISHIDA, Takafumi OSHIMA,
Ryuji INOUE and Tomonori KONDO
HYDROGEN GAS SENSOR
Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q76680

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/716,225 (Confirmation No. 8103) filed November 21, 2000 of Norihiko NADANAMI, Noboru ISHIDA, Takafumi OSHIMA, Ryuji INOUE and Tomonori KONDO, entitled HYDROGEN GAS SENSOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification (40 pages), including the claims and abstract, and six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-11). Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) listing references cited by the Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1753.

CANCEL CLAIMS 1-24 WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| JAPAN | Hei. 11-333422 | November 24, 1999 |
| JAPAN | 2000-307375 | October 6, 2000 |

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/716,225, and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents was acknowledged in parent Application No. 09/716,225.



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Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/716,225

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The Government filing fee, after canceling claims 1-24, is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | <u>4</u> | - | 20 | = | <u>0</u> | x | \$18.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Independent claims | <u>2</u> | - | 3 | = | <u>0</u> | x | \$84.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$750.00</u> |

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$750.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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